(c) what action has been taken by Government on the proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMEMNT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT) (SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESHWARI): (a) No, Sir, we have no such general report.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Adult Education Programme in Delhi

1465. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Adult Education Programme in Delhi is suffering due to bureaucratic apathy causing prolonged delays in releasing allocated funds and supply of basic teaching and learning equipment to the concerned Department of Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are proposed to be taken to make the programme effective?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) Nevertheless, steps are being taken by Delhi Administration to further streamline the procedure.

Change in the Admission system of Nursery School Children

1466. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to change the admission system of nursery school children so that they are not subjected to traumatic admission tests; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The NCERT has been strongly advocating the need to change the system of admission to nursery schools so that the children are not subjected to the trauma of admission tests. The NCERT has been regularly organising seminars at different places to create public awareness in this context. The Programme of Action (1992) for implementation of NPE also calls for discouraging entrance tests for admission at pre-primary level. Necessary action in this regard is to be taken by the respective State Governments/UT Administrations in accordance with their rules and regulations. In Delhi the Directorate of Education modified its admission system in 1991 to computerized random selection. A few leading schools of Delhi and some schools in other cities also have since adopted alternative methods like randomized selection, selection throug comprhensive proformae and quota-based randomized selection.

Organisations promoting Gandhian Ideals

1467. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the organisations/institutions engaged in promoting Gandhian ideals and upliftment of the depressed classes;

(b) what is the annual central grant, if any given to these organisations/institutions;

(c) whether Government have assessed the working of these organisations/institutions to know how far they have been able to achieve the goal;

(d) if so, what are the details

thereof stating the malpractices identified in these organisations/institutions, responsible for the decline in the values and objectivs for which these were set up; and

(e) the measures contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

खनिज न्यायाधिकरण में लम्बित मामले

1468. **श्री शिवचरण सिंह :** क्या **खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) खनिज न्यायाधिकरण में खनिज से संबंधित कितने मामले लम्बित पड़े हैं और उनमें से कितने मामले राजस्थान से हैं ;

(ख) राजस्थान से वर्षवार कितने मामले प्राप्त हुए और वर्षवार कितने मामले निपटाये गये ;

(ग) विचाराधीन उन पुराने मामलों का ब्यौरा क्या है जो स्थगन आदेश के कारण लम्बित पड़े हैं और इनके क्या कारण हैं ; और

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि न्यायाधिकरण द्वारा न्यायिक निर्णय अथवा स्थगन आदेश नहीं दिया जा सकता ; यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

खान मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बलराम सिंह यादव) : (क) 1 जनवरी, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार केन्द्र सरकार के पास 961 पुनरीक्षण मामले निर्णय के लिए बकाया थे । इनमें से 287 मामले राजस्थान राज्य के थे ।

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान राजस्थान से प्राप्त और निर्णय किये गये मामलों की संख्या नीचे दी गई है :—

वर्ष	राजस्थान से प्राप्त मामलों की संख्या	प्राप्त निर्णय किए गए
1990 .	143	130
1991 .	164	109
1992 .	209	134

(ग) स्थगन आदेशों से संबंधित कोई मामला बकाया नहीं है ।

(घ) खान और खनिज (विनियमन और विकास) अधिनियम, 1957 की धारा 30 के अन्तर्गत केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकार है कि वह अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत राज्य सरकार अथवा अधिकारों का उपयोग करने वाले अन्य प्राधिकरण के आदेशों में संशोधन कर सकती है ।

Hindustan Zinc Limited

1469. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Financial Express of 1st February, 1993 to the effect that brushing aside the national pressing need to conserve foreign exchange Hindustah Zinc Ltd. continue to use imported cooking coal at its Chanderiya lead zinc smelter;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?